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**Colin Irwin**

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**PEACE-MAKER:**

How polling in divided societies can promote negotiated agreements

5:00–7:00 pm  
Thursday, December 10, 2009  
College Hall, Auditorium B1,  
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